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HEROES! VILLAINS!
ANTI-HEROES!
THIS ONE HAS IT ALL!
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Part 4

OLD MEGAOPOLIS

SO THERE'S MORE TO **MECHA** THAN MEETS THE **EYE**.

Finale

MUCH MORE!

K-ZARK

AND, WITH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S **'GOLF-CAM'**--

--SENDING A LIVE **BROADCAST** BACK TO **KNOTHOLE CITY**--

--MY **LOVED** ONES SEE IT, **TOO!** TIME TO **STOP** PLAYING GAMES--

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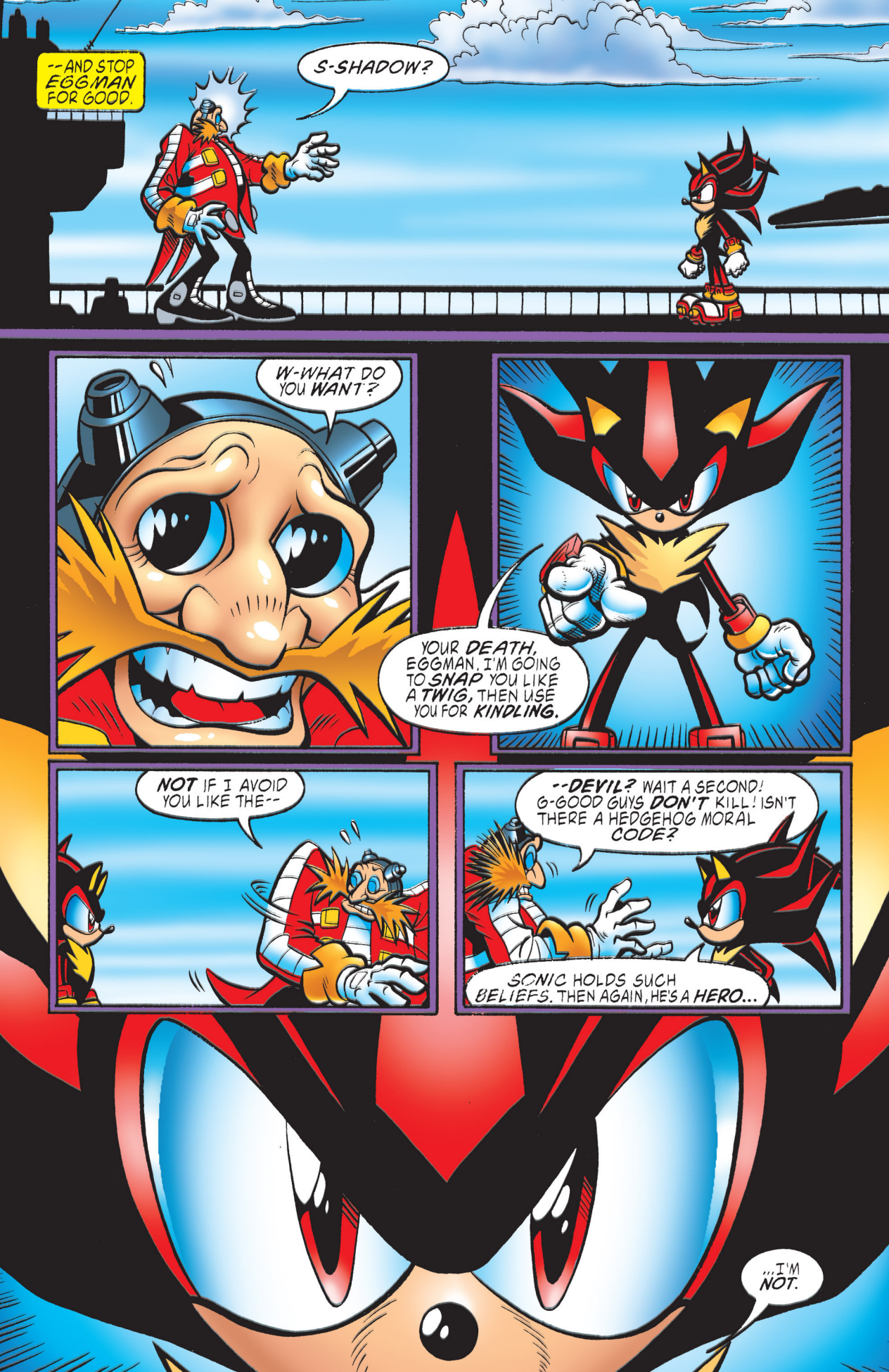
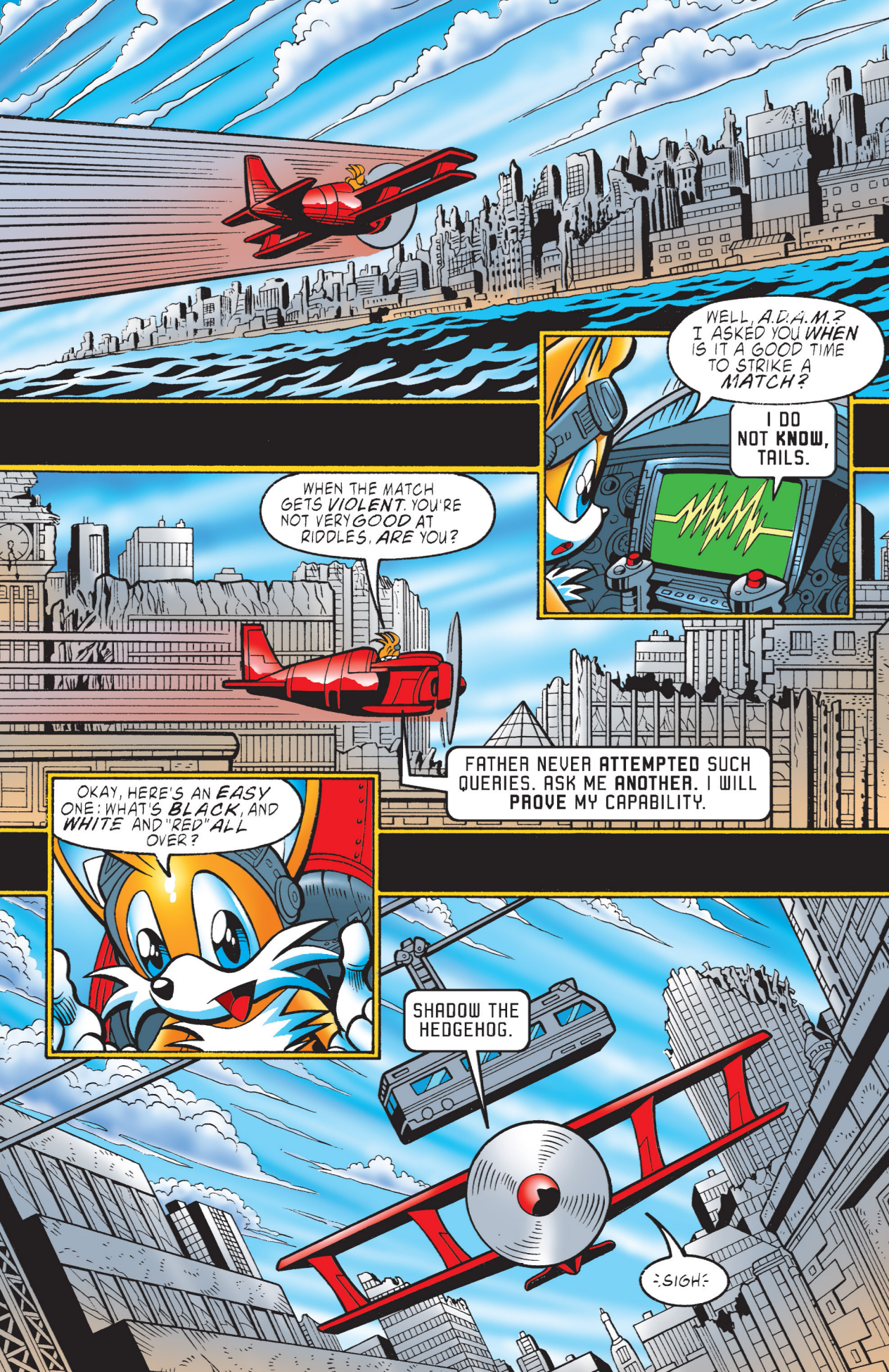

--AND STOP EGGMAN FOR GOOD.
S-SHADOW?
W-WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOUR DEATH, EGGMAN. I'M GOING TO SNAP YOU LIKE A TWIG, THEN USE YOU FOR KINDLING.
NOT IF I AVOID YOU LIKE THE--
--DEVIL? WAIT A SECOND! G-GOOD GUYS DON'T KILL! ISN'T THERE A HEDGEHOG MORAL CODE?
SONIC HOLDS SUCH BELIEFS. THEN AGAIN, HE'S A HERO...
...I'M NOT.


WELL, A.D.A.M.? I ASKED YOU WHEN IS IT A GOOD TIME TO STRIKE A MATCH?
I DO NOT KNOW, TAILS.
WHEN THE MATCH GETS VIOLENT. YOU'RE NOT VERY GOOD AT RIDDLES. ARE YOU?
FATHER NEVER ATTEMPTED SUCH QUERIES. ASK ME ANOTHER. I WILL PROVE MY CAPABILITY.
OKAY, HERE'S AN EASY ONE: WHAT'S BLACK, AND WHITE AND "RED" ALL OVER?
SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG.
:SIGH:

THE MOBIAN BADLANDS

THIS IS *IT*, GANG. OUR MOMENT OF *TRUTH*. ROBOTNIK'S *HORDE* IS ON THE *MARCH* AGAIN.

THEY'RE *STAGING* A FINAL ASSAULT AND THE *ONLY* THING BETWEEN *THEM* AND ROBOTROPOLIS IS *US!* LET'S *KEEP* IT THAT WAY.

KNUCKLES, EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE *LOST* YOUR POWERS, I'M WILLING TO *ACCEPT* YOU GOING INTO *BATTLE*. BUT DO YOU *HAVE* TO BE THE POINT MAN?

I'VE STILL GOT SOME *MUSCLE* TO TOSS AROUND, *JULIE-SU!*

BUT YOU CAN'T EVEN *GLIDE* THROUGH THE *AIR* ANYMORE!

I'M MORE THAN *ABLE* TO LEND A *HAND* IN THAT *AREA!* WHAT DO YOU *SAY*, RED? WANT TO *GO* FOR A *RIDE?*

DO I!

Hmf!

CHARGE!

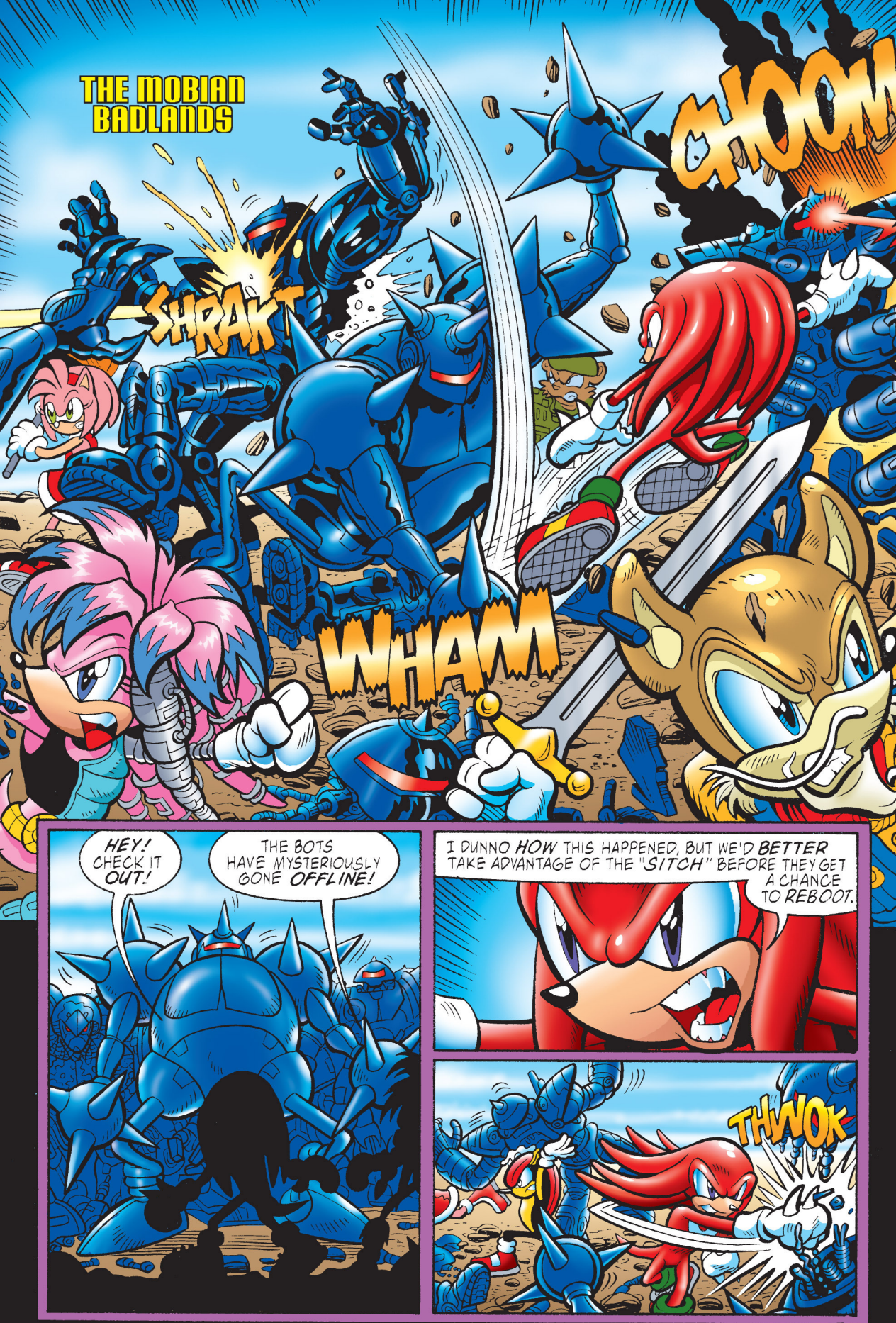
KZARK
FOOM
SHEESH! IF YOU HATE BUSES THAT MUCH...
...WHY NOT JUST TAKE THE SUBWAY?
OLD MEGAOPOLIS
YOU'RE NOT MUCH OF A TALKER, MECHA, BUT YOU'RE STILL WASTING PRECIOUS FUEL! I'M TOO FAST FOR YOU TO HIT!
AN OVERSIGHT ON MY PART. INSTEAD OF AIMING AT WHERE YOU ARE...
...I SHOULD BE AIMING AT WHERE YOU WILL BE.
KZARK
YEEARRGHH!!

SHOULDER... BURNING!
SONIC! NO! NOT AGAIN!
NOT AGAIN!
SALLY!
MOVE IT SONIC... MOVE...
I WANT TO HEAR YOU BEG FOR MERCY, HEDGEHOG.
#TAP TAP
AH WANNA VACATION ON THE BEACH AT SOUTH ISLAND...
THOOM
WHAM

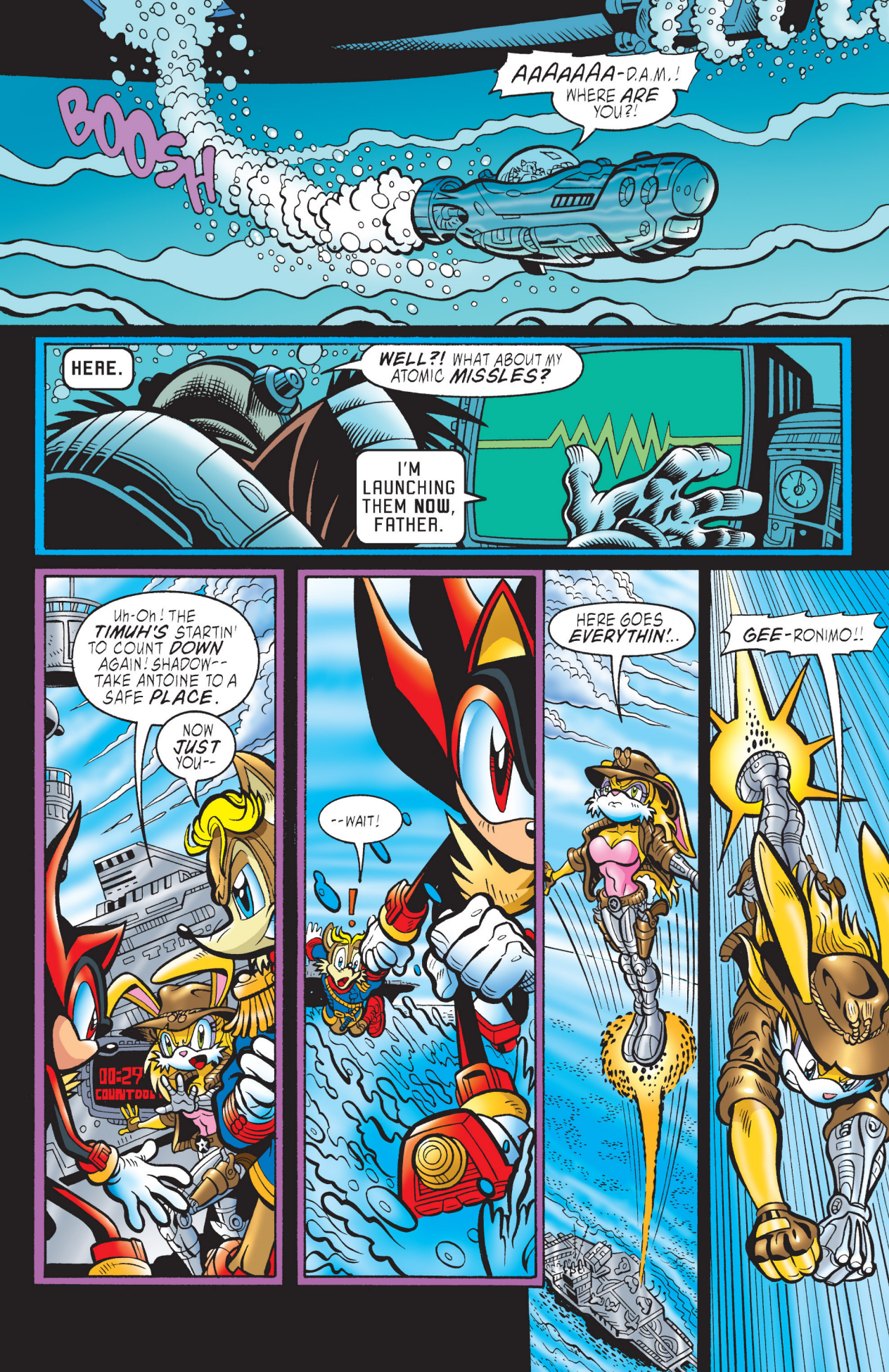
SKRUNCH!
...BUT YA DON'T HEAR ME COMPLAININ'!
B-BUNNIE...? W-WHAT...
...TOOK YOU GUYS SO UNN LONG...?
TURBULENCE.
SH-BOOM!
LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THAT SHOULDER, YOU.
BUNNIE, FLY YOWTCH OUT TO ROBOTNIK'S AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND STOP HIM FROM LAUNCHING THOSE MISSLES!
TAKE ANTOINE.

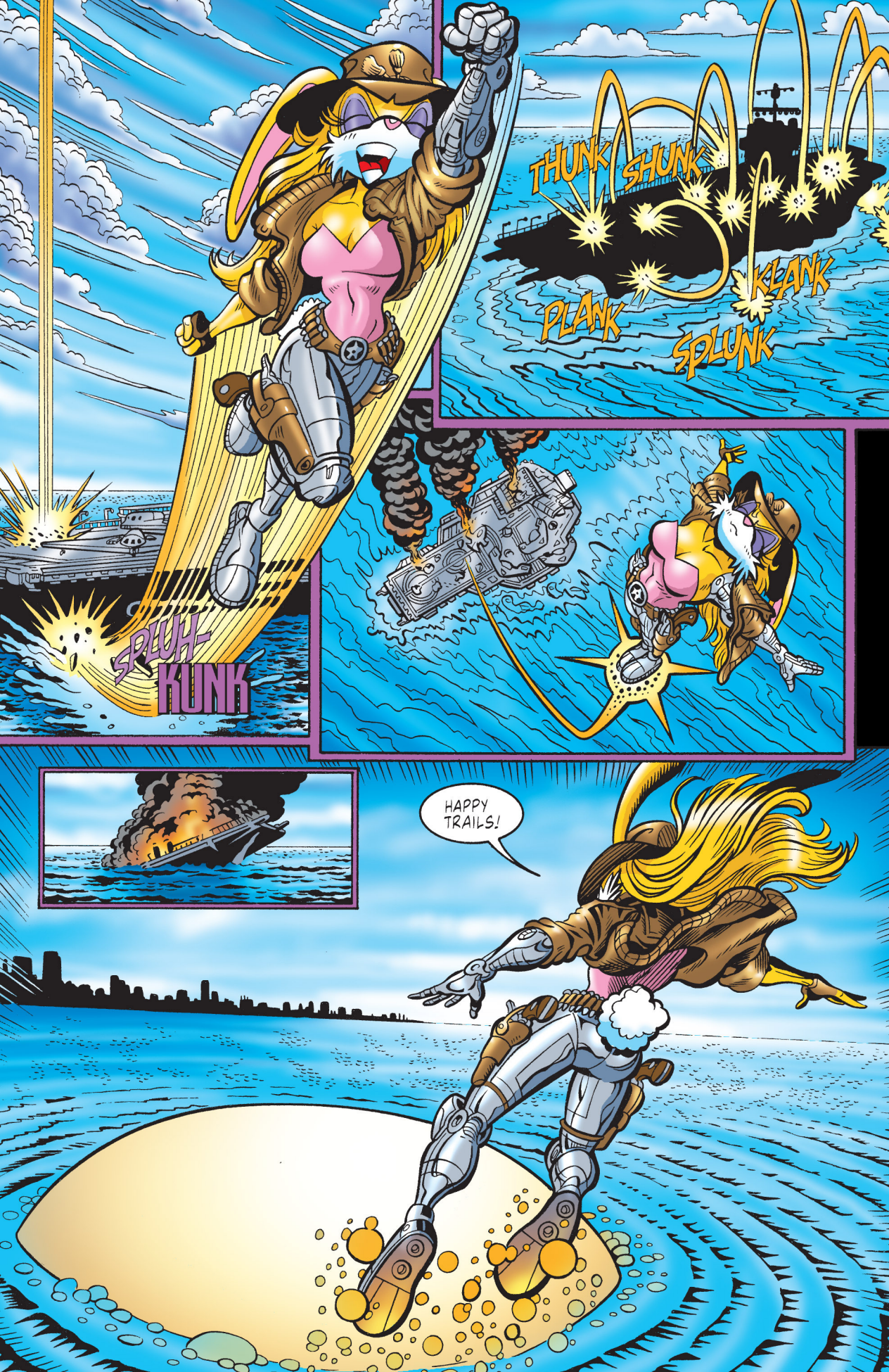
CAN'T I TAKE SOMEONE ELSE?
WHY? WHAT'S THE PROBLEMO?
NO "PROBLEMO," SUGAH.
I DON'T GET IT, FIONA. I THOUGHT SHE'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANT SINCE THEY'RE GOING STEADY.
SONIC...
...BUNNIE AND ANTOINE BROKE UP SIX MONTHS AGO.
WRUNCHT
WHAT WAS THA--
DON'T TELL ME--
K-THOOM

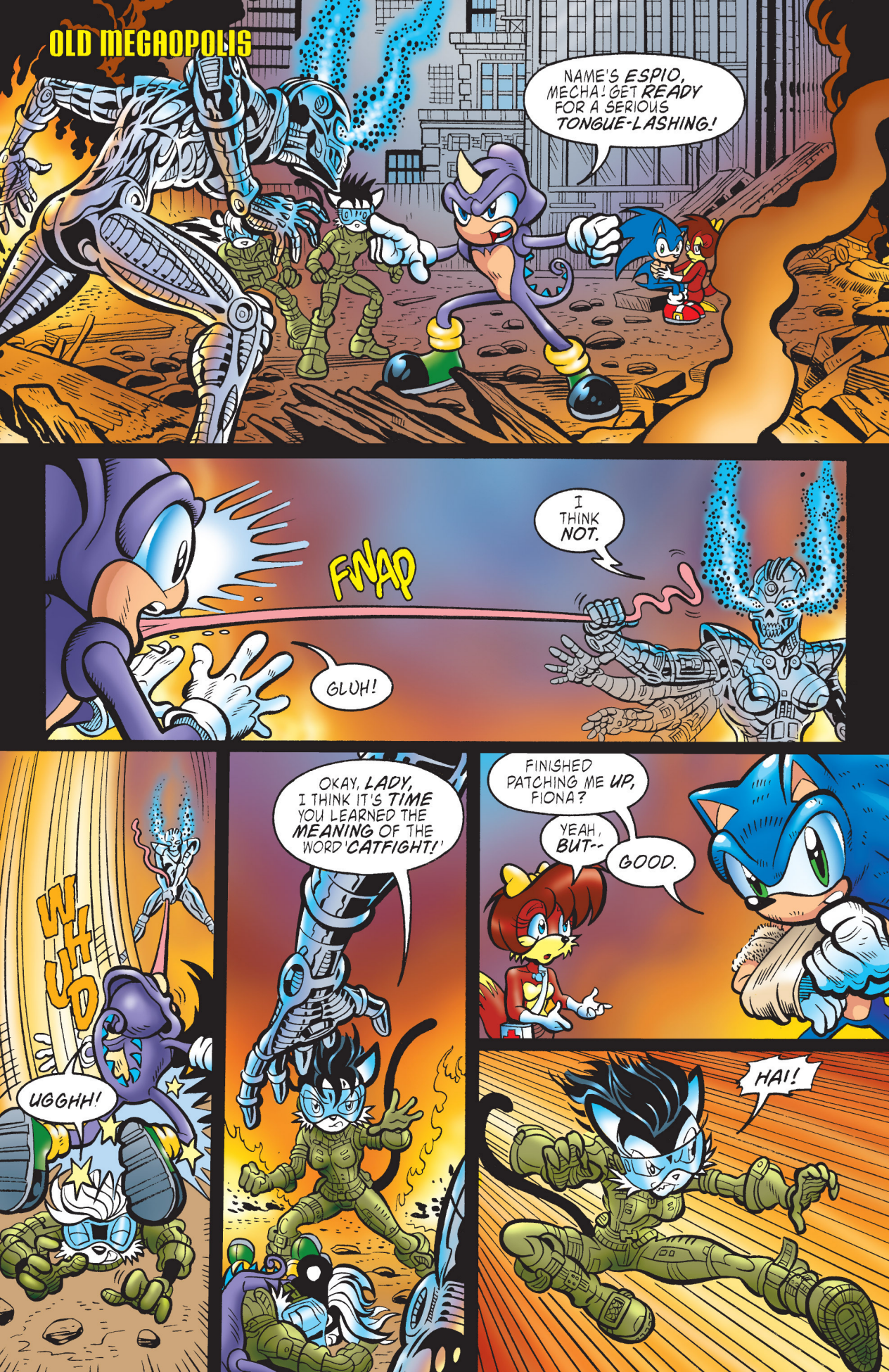
YOU RUINED MY MAKEUP.
YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT.
MEANWHILE...
I HAVE THE ANSWER.
OKAY...
WHAT IS BLACK AND WHITE AND "READ" ALL OVER? A NEWSPAPER.
YOU DID IT, A.D.A.M! ISN'T THIS FUN?
I SAID, ISN'T THIS FUN?
A.D.A.M...?

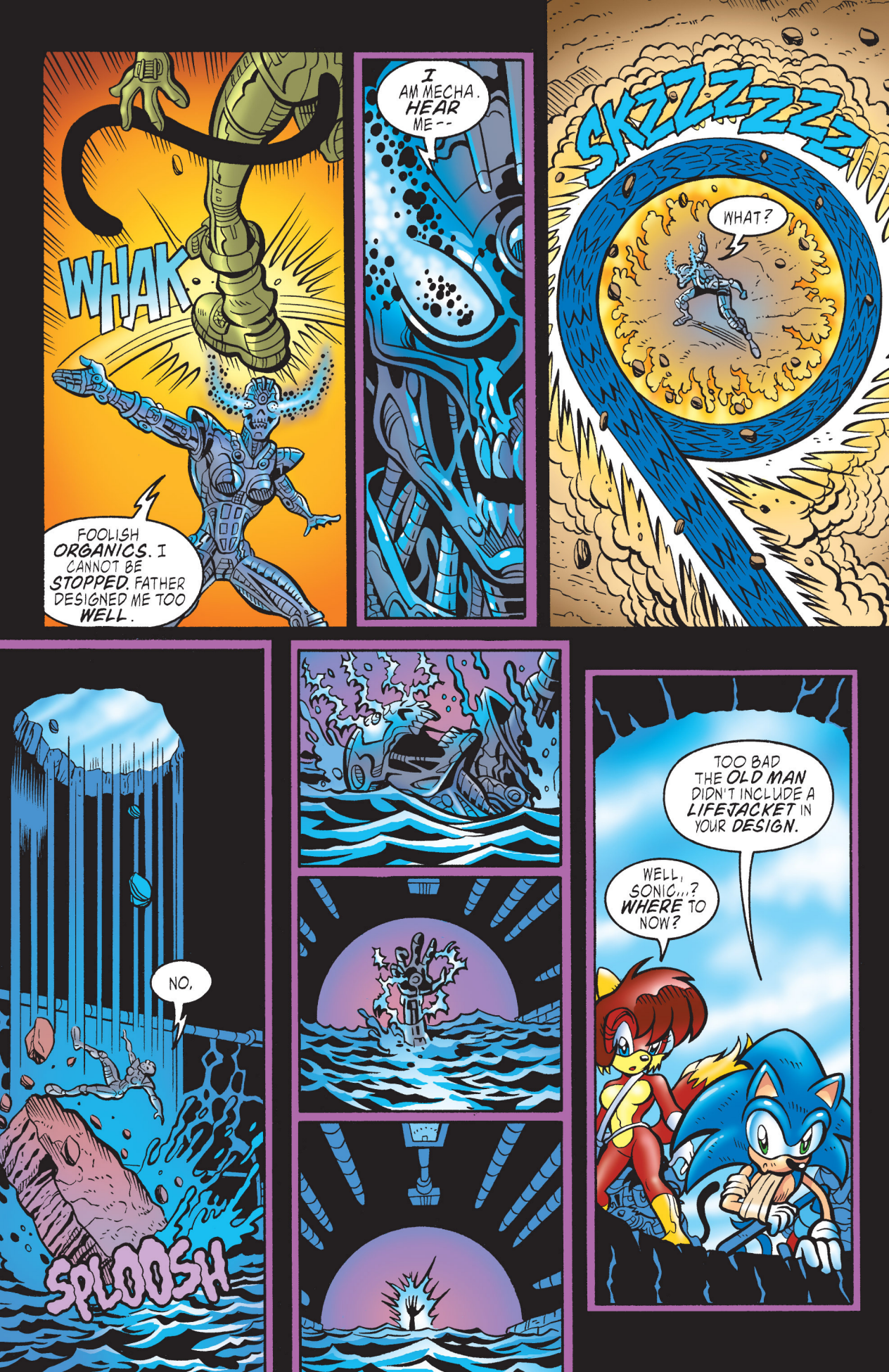

THE MOBIAN BADLANDS
SHRAK!
KHOOM
WHAM
HEY! CHECK IT OUT!
THE BOTS HAVE MYSTERIOUSLY GONE OFFLINE!
I DUNNO HOW THIS HAPPENED, BUT WE'D BETTER TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE "SITCH" BEFORE THEY GET A CHANCE TO REBOOT.
THWOK

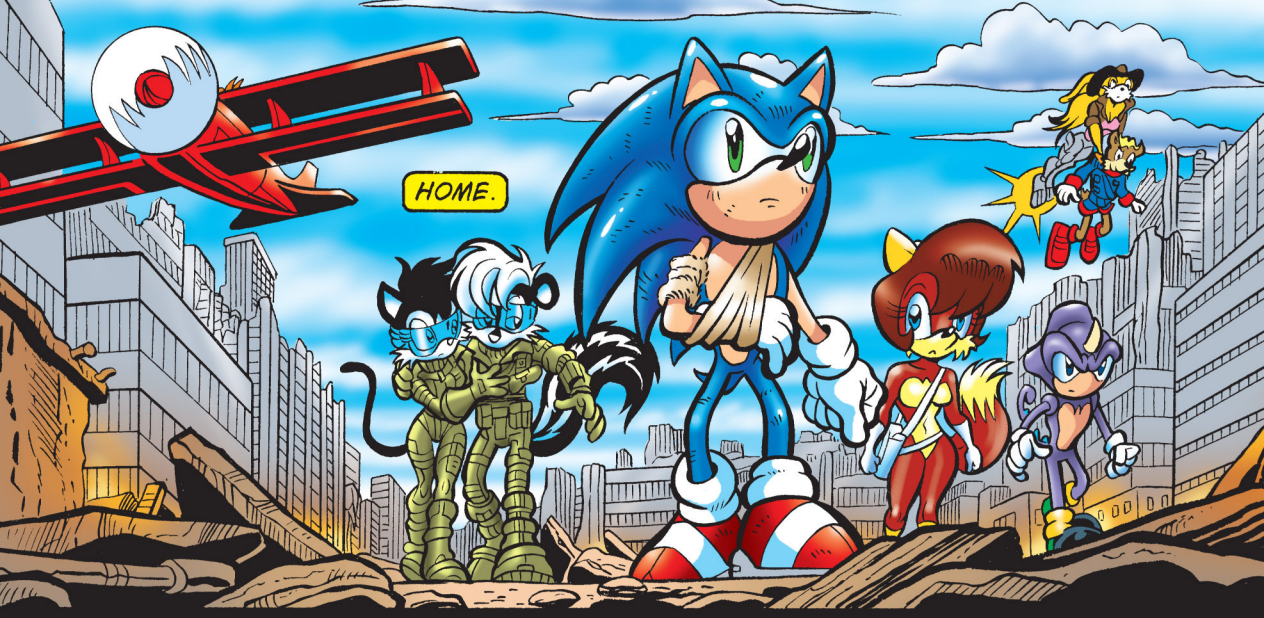
OLD MEGAOPOLIS HARBOR
00.30
ABORT
WHA--?! MY MISSLE COUNTDOWN HAS STOPPED WITH THIRTY SECONDS LEFT BEFORE LAUNCH! WHY?!
A.D.A.M., IF YOU DON'T SNAP OUT OF IT AND RESUME THE ATOMIC STRIKE AT ONCE...
...DADDY IS GOING TO BE VERY, VERY SORE!
"DADDY" IS GOING TO BE VERY SORE, ANYWAY!
WHAK
OOF!
ZERE EEZ ROBOT-NEEK!
BUT WHUT'S SHADOW DOIN' HERE? AIN'T NOBODY SEEN HIS HIDE IN MONTHS!
TEE-TEE-EFF-ENN SUCKERS!
NO!
I MUST PREVENT HIM FROM -UNGH- ESCAPING!
YER WELCOME TO STAY HERE 'N TRY, PARDNUH, BUT AH SURE WOULDN'T ADVISE IT!
COOL! I'VE GOT CONTROL OF THE TORNADO AGAIN, BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO--


BOOSH
AAAAAAA-D.A.M.! WHERE ARE YOU?!
HERE.
WELL?! WHAT ABOUT MY ATOMIC MISSLES?
I'M LAUNCHING THEM NOW, FATHER.
Uh-Oh! THE TIMUH'S STARTIN' TO COUNT DOWN AGAIN! SHADOW-- TAKE ANTOINE TO A SAFE PLACE.
NOW JUST YOU--
00:29
COUNTDOWN
--WAIT!
HERE GOES EVERYTHIN'..
GEE-RONIMO!!


THUNK
SHUNK
KLANK
PLANK
SPLUNK
SPLUH-
KUNK
HAPPY TRAILS!


OLD MEGAOPOLIS
NAME'S ESPIO, MECHA! GET READY FOR A SERIOUS TONGUE-LASHING!
FWAP
I THINK NOT.
GLUH!
WHUD
UGGHH!
OKAY, LADY, I THINK IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED THE MEANING OF THE WORD 'CATFIGHT!'
FINISHED PATCHING ME UP, FIONA?
YEAH, BUT--
GOOD.
HAI!


WHAK
FOOLISH ORGANICS. I CANNOT BE STOPPED. FATHER DESIGNED ME TOO WELL.
I AM MECHA. HEAR ME--
SKZZZZZ
WHAT?
NO.
SPLOOSH
TOO BAD THE OLD MAN DIDN'T INCLUDE A LIFEJACKET IN YOUR DESIGN.
WELL, SONIC...? WHERE TO NOW?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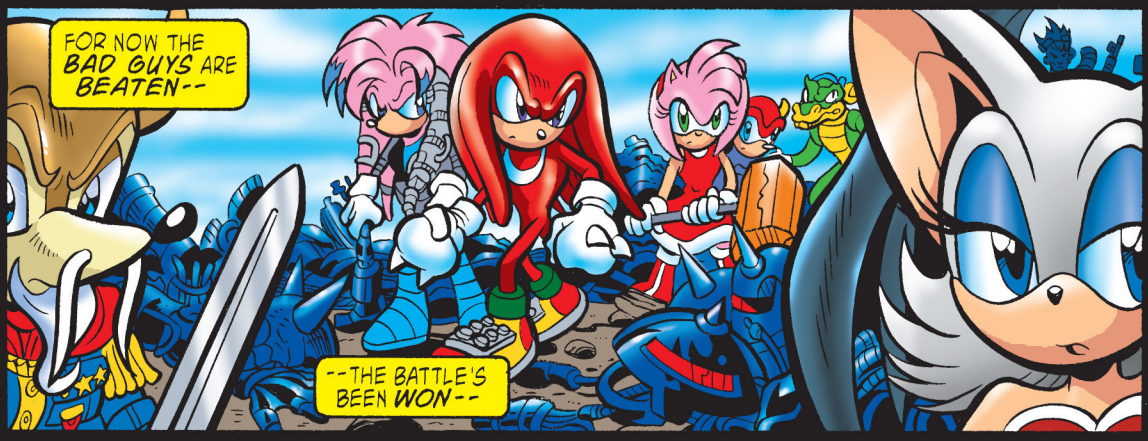
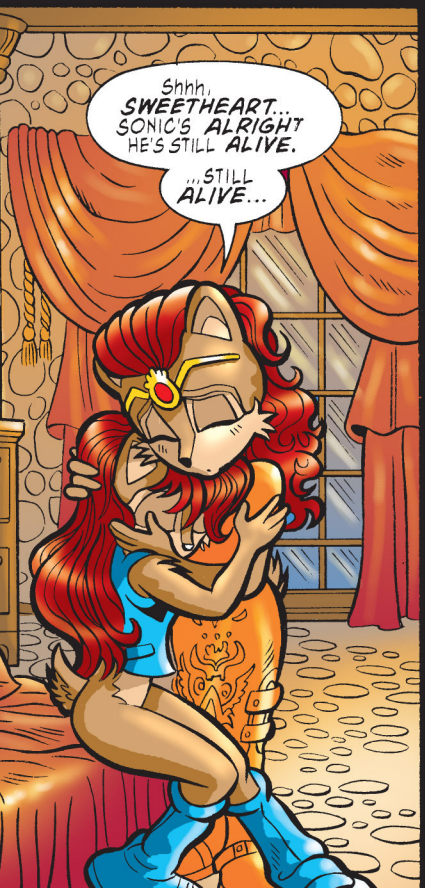
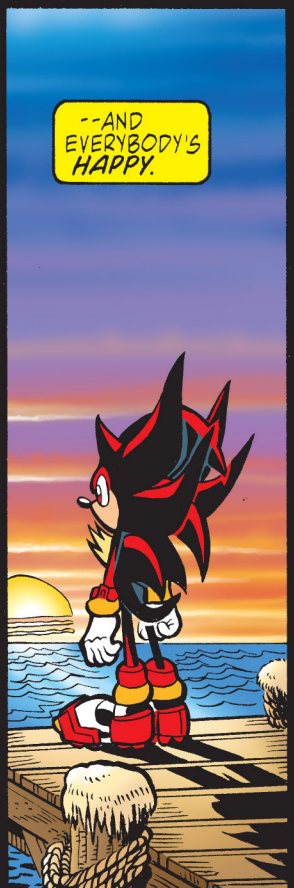
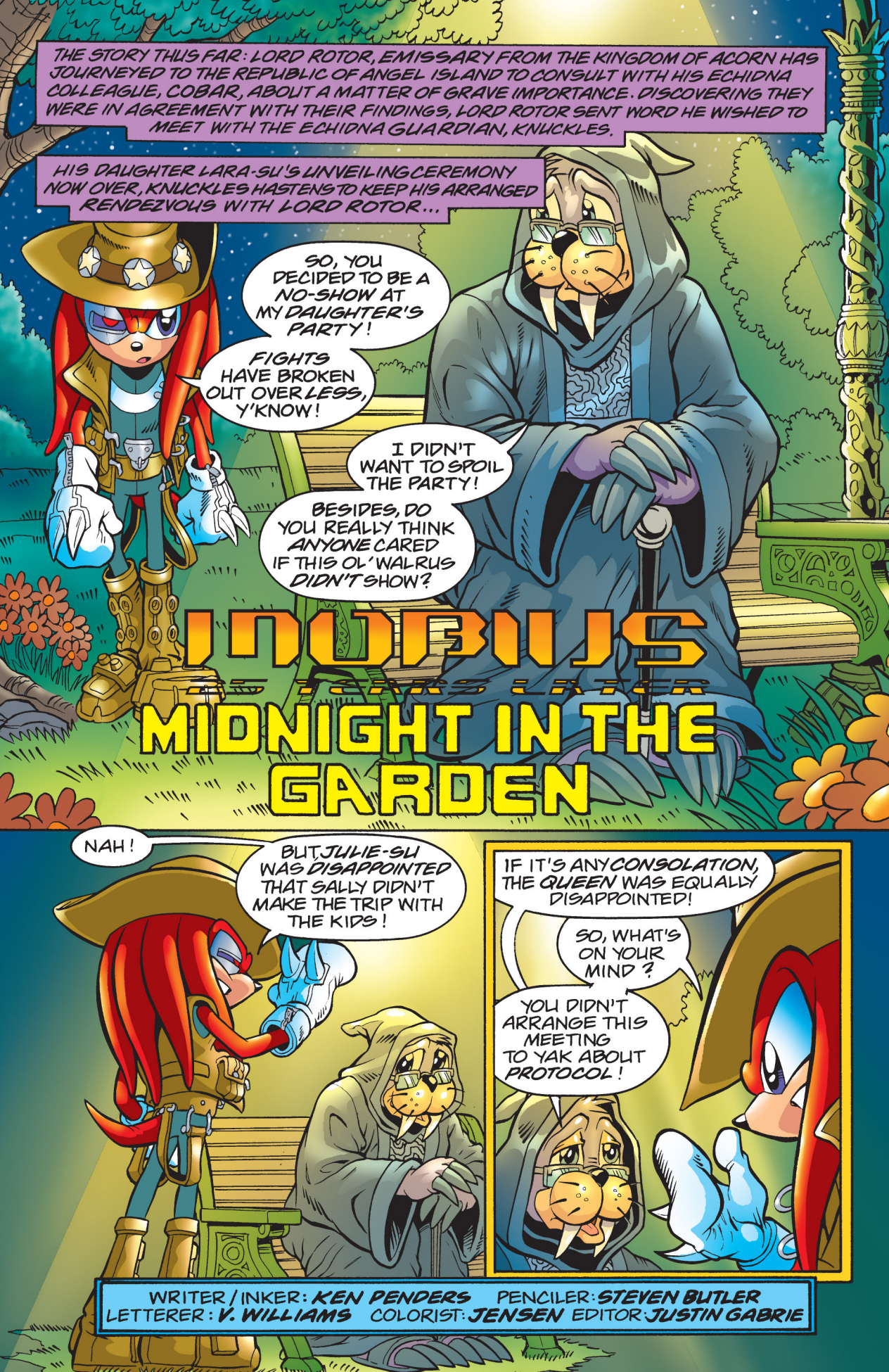

FOR NOW THE BAD GUYS ARE BEATEN--
--THE BATTLE'S BEEN WON--


Shhh, SWEETHEART... SONIC'S ALRIGHT HE'S STILL ALIVE.
...STILL ALIVE...


--AND EVERYBODY'S HAPPY.

SHE SUNK MY BATTLESHIP! AND MY ROBOTIC HORDE-- DECIMATED! TEN MONTHS OF RELENTLESS SCHEMING --DOWN THE TUBES, A.D.A.M...
... BECAUSE YOU GOT CAUGHT UP IN A SILLY GUESSING GAME WITH THE ENEMY WHEN YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN BUSY KILLING HIM!
WELL, I HOPE IT WAS SATISFYING!
NO.
IT WAS... FUN.

THE END


THE STORY THUS FAR: LORD ROTOR, EMISSARY FROM THE KINGDOM OF ACORN HAS JOURNEYED TO THE REPUBLIC OF ANGEL ISLAND TO CONSULT WITH HIS ECHIDNA COLLEAGUE, COBAR, ABOUT A MATTER OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE. DISCOVERING THEY WERE IN AGREEMENT WITH THEIR FINDINGS, LORD ROTOR SENT WORD HE WISHED TO MEET WITH THE ECHIDNA GUARDIAN, KNUCKLES.
HIS DAUGHTER LARA-SU'S UNVEILING CEREMONY NOW OVER, KNUCKLES HASTENS TO KEEP HIS ARRANGED RENDEZVOUS WITH LORD ROTOR...
SO, YOU DECIDED TO BE A NO-SHOW AT MY DAUGHTER'S PARTY!
FIGHTS HAVE BROKEN OUT OVER LESS, Y'KNOW!
I DIDN'T WANT TO SPOIL THE PARTY!
BESIDES, DO YOU REALLY THINK ANYONE CARED IF THIS OL' WALRUS DIDN'T SHOW?
INOBIUS
A FEW YEARS LATER
MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN
NAH!
BUT JULIE-SU WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT SALLY DIDN'T MAKE THE TRIP WITH THE KIDS!
IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION, THE QUEEN WAS EQUALLY DISAPPOINTED!
SO, WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
YOU DIDN'T ARRANGE THIS MEETING TO YAK ABOUT PROTOCOL!
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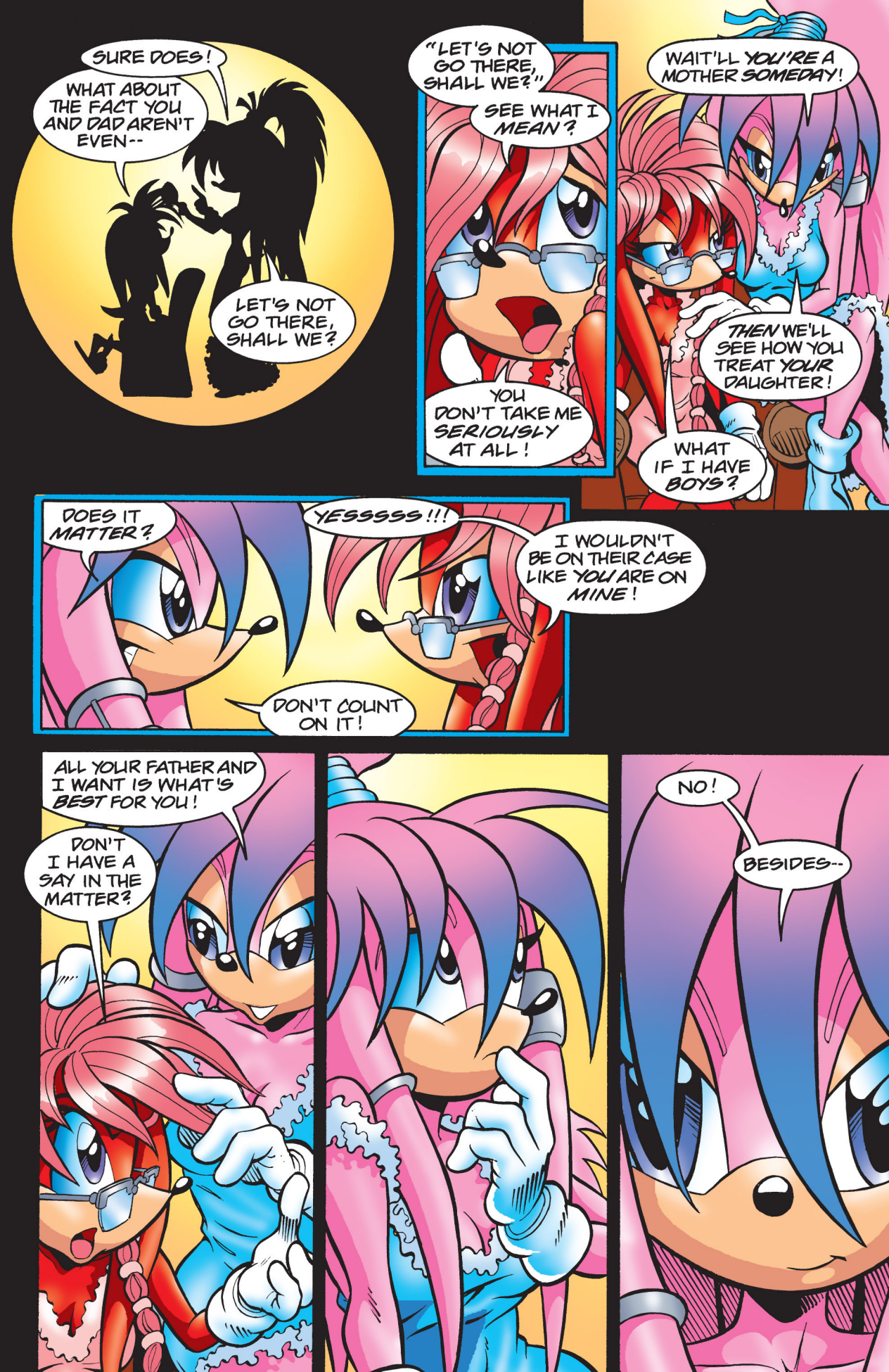
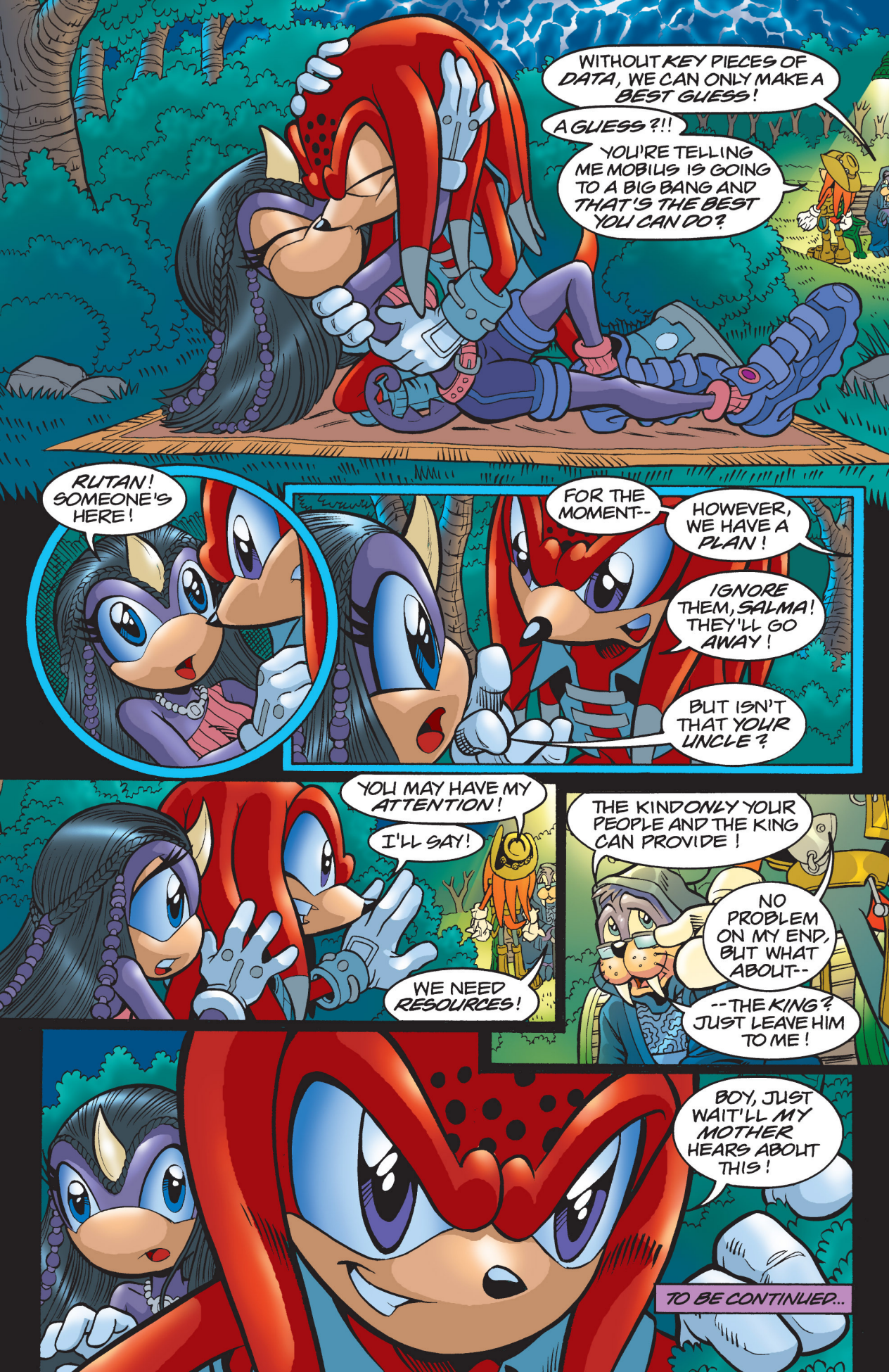
FAR FROM IT!
I WANT YOU TO WATCH THE SKIES!
HUH?!
YOU MEAN YOU DRAGGED ME OUT HERE BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER?
ARE YOU NUTS?!!
I'M QUITE SERIOUS! JUST WATCH!
NOTICE ANYTHING?
DOESN'T SEEM ANY FUNKIER THAN OTHER WEATHER PATTERNS I'VE SEEN BEFORE!
YOU BETTER GET USED TO IT!
I SERIOUSLY DOUBT YOU'LL BE SEEING SUNSHINE ANYTIME SOON!
AFRAID YOU LOST ME!
DID YOU AND COBAR HAVE AN EXPERIMENT GO HAYWIRE?
I WISH IT WERE THAT SIMPLE!
WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT--
--MAY JUST BE THE BEGINNING OF THE END!

"THE END OF WHAT?"
I THOUGHT TONIGHT WENT REALLY WELL, HONEY--
--SO, WHY THE FROWN?
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO SPEND THE NIGHT OUT!
MY GIRL-FRIENDS GOT TO DO IT AFTER THEIR UNVEILINGS!
I'M NOT THEIR MOTHER!
YOU'RE SO-- SO-- OVER-PROTECTIVE AT TIMES, MOM!
YOU ACT AS IF THAT'S A BAD THING!
I'M SIXTEEN, MOM--
--YET YOU AND DAD TREAT ME LIKE A KID!
YOU ARE OUR BABY, AFTER ALL!
CAN'T HELP IT, LARA SU!
MOMMMM!
DAD WAS ON HIS OWN BY THE TIME HE WAS TEN--
--AND YOU DIDN'T HAVE PARENTS WATCHING YOUR EVERY MOVE, EITHER!!!
YES, I DID! I JUST DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME!
LIKE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE?


SURE DOES!
WHAT ABOUT THE FACT YOU AND DAD AREN'T EVEN--
LET'S NOT GO THERE, SHALL WE?
"LET'S NOT GO THERE, SHALL WE?"
SEE WHAT I MEAN?
YOU DON'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY AT ALL!
WAIT'LL YOU'RE A MOTHER SOMEDAY!
THEN WE'LL SEE HOW YOU TREAT YOUR DAUGHTER!
WHAT IF I HAVE BOYS?
DOES IT MATTER?
YESSSSS!!!
I WOULDN'T BE ON THEIR CASE LIKE YOU ARE ON MINE!
DON'T COUNT ON IT!
ALL YOUR FATHER AND I WANT IS WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU!
DON'T I HAVE A SAY IN THE MATTER?
NO!
BESIDES--

"--WHAT FUN COULD YOU HAVE WITH THE WEATHER GETTING NASTY OUT THERE--?"
YOU'RE NUTS, YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAY BECAUSE OF SOME LIGHTNING?
CERTAINLY NOT!
ACTUALLY, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF FACTORS--
--THE TIDES, ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE, TEMPERATURE, ETC.-- WHEN ALL COMBINED--
--POINT TO A VERY DISTURBING CONCLUSION!
THERE IS A CHANCE YOU GUYS COULD BE WRONG!
ABSOLUTELY, AND I WISH I WERE!
BUT, GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES--
--CAN ANYONE AFFORD TO TAKE THE CHANCE THAT WE'RE NOT?
HOW LONG HAVE WE GOT?


WITHOUT KEY PIECES OF DATA, WE CAN ONLY MAKE A BEST GUESS!
A GUESS?!!
YOU'RE TELLING ME MOBIUS IS GOING TO A BIG BANG AND THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO?
RUTAN! SOMEONE'S HERE!
FOR THE MOMENT--
HOWEVER, WE HAVE A PLAN!
IGNORE THEM, SALMA! THEY'LL GO AWAY!
BUT ISN'T THAT YOUR UNCLE?
YOU MAY HAVE MY ATTENTION!
I'LL SAY!
WE NEED RESOURCES!
THE KIND ONLY YOUR PEOPLE AND THE KING CAN PROVIDE!
NO PROBLEM ON MY END, BUT WHAT ABOUT--
--THE KING? JUST LEAVE HIM TO ME!
BOY, JUST WAIT'LL MY MOTHER HEARS ABOUT THIS!
TO BE CONTINUED...